

February 2021

# The St. Barnabas' Reporter



## Orienting Ourselves Toward Lent

The Rev. John Bolin Shellito  
Rector

Dear St. Barnabas' Friends,

As we approach Mardi Gras and our Ash Wednesday entry into Lent, I'm mindful that our approach to the Lenten season is a spiritual and practical means of taking measure of our lives, taking stock of where we are and where we're going. In ancient agricultural societies, Lent was a time of potential scarcity, when the stores for winter might risk running low, prior to the return of abundant life in spring. It was a time of preparation, introspection, and anticipation, in alignment with the cyclical nature of life.

Each year, there is the unspoken invitation, drawing us into a Lenten practice. A Lenten discipline is simultaneously an expression of faith, a calling to faith, and a leap of faith. There were times where I questioned if I would be able to sustain the commitment—no matter how prayerfully I undertook it. And, there were years where Lent ended up being one of my more public acts of faith, relying on God as I sought to honor God and go deeper in my faith.

Every Lent is an opportunity to orient ourselves towards Holy Week and Easter. I'm hoping and praying that we can return to a practice of outdoor worship on Palm Sunday and Easter, at the end of March and beginning of April. This year, I wonder if our practice can also help us begin to spiritually prepare ourselves for a time when, God willing, the vaccine will be widely available. But more than a destination, Lent invites us into an *orientation* of life, here and now: it invites us to face our own particular gifts and calling, our own particular weaknesses and areas for growth, and above all, those particular practices of healing, renewal, and service, that will help us seek God's gracious and peaceful presence in the midst of our daily routines.

Blessings,  
John+

**St. Barnabas' Mission:**  
Serving our community, the world, and each other  
through the love of Jesus Christ.

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## \$\$ Treasury Notes \$\$

“May you live in interesting times.” *Chinese Proverb*

Dear Valued Family of St. Barnabas':

With any luck, by the time you are reading this, we will have a new President and administration in office who will begin the work of restoring the ills and broken pieces of the last four years. Needless to say, I was legitimately disappointed and disgusted by the riot that occurred on January 6 – mainly because the Capitol region is made up of government employees and non-profit organization employees in support of our government. All of these men and women have devoted themselves to selfless public service, so to see extremists display such disrespect and disregard for our country and our democracy really leaves me speechless – the only word I can think of is “un-American”. At any rate, President Biden and his team have a lot of work ahead of them; please say a prayer for them for there is so much to do.

As far as the St. Barnabas' treasury, we are starting from a substantially decent spot; with good cash flow and healthy reserves with the Trustees of the Funds. A big focus this year financially is that the parish budget has allocated expenditures of around \$455,000 while our pledges are around \$355,000. The Vestry will be looking at ways the church might reduce expenses and/or increase non-pledge income. In recent years, we haven't spent over \$400,000; St. Barnabas has tended to spend around \$375,000. So we will have to watch and see how the finances unfold.

Last, it looks like vaccinations are beginning to roll out; I urge everyone to get vaccinated as soon as possible. If you know of someone who is unable to afford vaccinations, that would be a great cause for the Rector/Rector's Discretionary Fund (RDF). I also endorse being generous to the RDF so that the Rev. Shellito may be able to reach out, do what he can and stop this deadly disease from taking more lives.

I'd like to close by saying that I have the deepest respect for the men and women who have pledged their lives to the service of this country, and also the men and women of St. Barnabas' who have pledged their lives to the spiritual service of our community and country. I am blessed to be part of the work we've done and honored to be part of the work still to be done.

Stay safe and know you are in my prayers,  
John W.

## It's Your Birthday!

Looking forward to winter and wanting to publish birthdays in the Reporter or on livestream. If you don't want your name published please let the Parish Office know. If you want to add an anniversary, please let the office know.

- Carolyn Lilienthal



## Vestry Highlights - December 16, 2020

The meeting was attended by the newly elected Vestry members: Ellen Riddle, Norma Ricketts, and Larry Stark

The Vestry commended the Regathering Committee for its outstanding work in keeping the church building safe and for planning for the virtual and in-person outdoor services.

The Christmas Eve services will be outdoors at 3:30 pm (weather permitting) and 5:30 p.m., with prelude music beginning at 5:00 p.m. We hope to resume outdoor and socially distanced in-person services for Palm Sunday and Eastertide.

The research for and consideration of installing solar panels for the church has been delayed until sometime in 2021.

St. Barnabas' will support the ministry of the Seminarian Celal Kamran, who will be presenting a Forum series on Black Art & Theology at 11 a.m. on 1/17, 1/24, and 1/31.

We will meet the suggestion that parishes give 1% of their annual income to the Virginia Theological Seminary.

We have received \$9K from the CARES ACT for Social Security tax relief.

The virtual annual Vestry retreat has been scheduled for 1/23 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Offices will be closed from Christmas until the New Year.

Ann Sayles, Register

## Reporter Deadline

The deadline for the March/April 2021 combined issue of *The St. Barnabas Reporter* is Monday, February 15th. Please submit announcements and/or photos to the Parish Office at [stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com](mailto:stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com). Hard copy is welcome, as well.

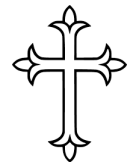
The Parish Office continues on a hybrid schedule, with office hours Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays the Administrator works remotely whenever possible. The office will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2021 in observance of Presidents' Day.

## Next Date for Baptism

The next date for Baptism is Pentecost, May 23, 2022. If you or someone you know is interested in the sacrament of Baptism please contact the Rev. John Bolin Shellito ([stbarnabasrector@outlook.com](mailto:stbarnabasrector@outlook.com)) or the Parish Office ([stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com](mailto:stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com)).



## In Memoriam



**Barbara Metz**  
November 23, 2020  
Annandale, VA

**Susan Elizabeth Onderdonk**  
January 16, 2021  
Fredericksburg, VA

**Phyllis McKoy**  
January 18, 2021  
Woodbridge, VA

*Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## Transferred In



Lisa Marie Deaton  
Verstandig  
Scott Barton  
Verstandig  
John A. ("Jack")  
Verstandig

From St. Paul's  
Episcopal Church  
Alexandria, VA.

## Minister of Music Update

by John Bolin Shellito

Stephen Ackert unfortunately has had to resign as our Interim Minister of Music, in order to be able to devote his time and energy more fully to supporting his wife, Golnoush, who is on our prayer list. This is a sad and unexpected loss, so much more so because his ministry has been so incredibly inspiring and powerful.

In the middle of January, in mentioning the possibility that he might need to be spending more time at home, Stephen suggested that I might work with the Vestry to identify a second Interim Minister of Music, so that St. Barnabas' can call a more long-term Minister of Music post-COVID. That is my intention at this time. Beth Harper is also kindly willing to work with me to coordinate music until an Interim can be called.

Here is the message Stephen conveyed on January 18<sup>th</sup>:

*Please accept this as my official letter of resignation from the position of Interim Minister of Music at St. Barnabas'. I do this with great regret, as this activity has provided me with so much satisfaction over the past few years. I fully intend to remain a member of the parish for the foreseeable future, and to carry out the responsibilities of chair of the music minister search committee, when we are finally able to resume that search. I'm happy, of course, to assist as I can in the meantime via email and/or phone.*

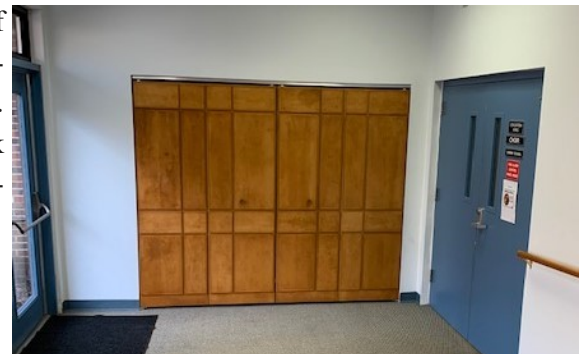
Trusting in the leading of the Holy Spirit for this time,  
John+



## New Closet Doors

On January 18, installation of new doors for the closet at the end of the ramp to the Education Wing was completed. The doors have a finish and design similar to the cabinets in the narthex and the nave. Frank Spink designed the doors and Mike Heller did the cabinet work and installation. The project was funded through the St. Barnabas Endowment Fund and gifts to the Memorial Fund.

Ken and Camille Mittelholtz  
Building and Grounds Committee Co-chairs



## With Grateful Hearts

To all of St. Barnabas' members, we staff would like to thank you for your most generous gifts at Christmastime. Wishing each of you a happy, healthy, safe, and blessed 2021!

With grateful hearts,

John+, Mariel, Stephen, Celal, Maria, Delilah, James, Jess, Andy, and Catherine

## Spiritual Coffee Hour & Bible Study - Forum & Fellowship

by Mariel York, DCE

**We invite you to join us on Sundays**

**9:00 a.m. Spiritual Coffee Hour & Bible Study**

**11:15 a.m. Forum & Fellowship**

Lent begins Wednesday February 17, 2021 and ends April 3, 2021.

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Spiritual Bible Study & Coffee Hour, which meets at 9:00 a.m., uses the appointed lectionary for discussion.

Please see [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net) for those readings.

For questions please contact Mariel York, Director of Christian Education [stbarnabasdce@outlook.com](mailto:stbarnabasdce@outlook.com).

Sponsored by Adult Christian Education Committee

*Topics subject to change.*

*February is Black History Month and I have connected with several Black women of the congregation to share their experiences relating to Black History. Please look for their writings in upcoming Monday emails from the office beginning Monday, February 1st. We hope that these writings will be read and absorbed for information and understanding. – Cricket Camp*

### February 7, 2021

9:00 a.m. Spiritual Coffee Hour & Bible Study

11:15 a.m. Forum & Fellowship

*Lift Every Voice and Sing* Stephen Ackert, session leader. Also, discussion on the writing from women of the congregation relating to Black History.

### February 14, 2021

9:00 a.m. Spiritual Coffee Hour & Bible Study

11:15 a.m. Forum & Fellowship

Discussion on writings from women of the congregation relating to Black History.

### February 21, 2021

9:00 a.m. Spiritual Coffee Hour & Bible Study

11:15 a.m. Forum & Fellowship

Discussion on writings from women of the congregation relating to Black History.

### February 28, 2021

9:00 a.m. Spiritual Coffee Hour & Bible Study

11:15 a.m. Forum & Fellowship

Discussion on writings from women of the congregation relating to Black History.

Upcoming Presentation Sunday March 7, 2001 - *How the Lenten Hymns in our Hymnals Evolved from 1916 until the Present* Stephen Ackert



## FACETS Needs Your Help

by Molly Newling

We so appreciate all St. Barnabas' members who have continued or newly stepped up to help support our FACETS outreach program of providing hot meals once a month to the homeless. In this difficult time the need is greater than ever.

Unfortunately, due to age or medical issues, some of our faithful long-time volunteers are not able to help during the pandemic. Remaining volunteers have often been doing double duty, but this is putting a strain on our resources.

### WE NEED:

**Baggers** (at least 2) who are able to come to the church the first Sunday of the month every other month to repack-age bread into small plastic bags and to fill paper bags with fruit, treats, bread and utensils. This effort usually takes about an hour.

**Cooks** (at least 2) who are able to come to the church the first Sunday of the month every other month to cook and package hot meals to be taken to the homeless in parking lots and motels. This usually takes about 1 ½ hours.

Until the pandemic we did these jobs simultaneously, but now we have the baggers come in first and leave before the cooks in order to reduce the number of people working at any one time. Facemasks and gloves are worn at all times.

If you can help with this important ministry, which has been part of St. Barnabas' for many years, please contact me (Molly Newling) or the Parish Office (703-941-2922). Thank you!•

## Hello from Jennifer & Michael Henry in Reno!

I have heard people say that they have less time after they retire than they did when they worked full time. I think I am experiencing something like that. Now that my full time civil servant job (plus commute) does not consume any of my time or mental energy, I am able to do more - which means I am no less busy. But thankfully, much less stressed!

Michael and I have a new "home" address, **422 Burns St., Reno, NV 89502**. It feels strange to call it a home address because we plan to live here only one year, renting while we gain our bearings in a new place. During this year we will decide where / what / how and even if we want to buy something.

Most striking thing about Reno is the mountains - in every direction I look, I can see mountains. There are amazing views everywhere. Thankfully, even though I can see snow on the mountains, we have seen only some flakes here - nothing more than a pretty dust that vanishes with the noon sun. They say we are in a "rain shadow" of the Sierra Nevada mountain range, so you might say we are protected from getting more moisture here in the city.

Another lovely thing: the nearest churches are in easy walking distance. I look forward to a time when casual gathering does not require reservations, distancing, and face masks - and I'm looking forward to a pleasant walk to church!

Peace & Blessings,  
Jennifer



## Hypothermia Shelter Meals ■ February 7-13, 2021

by Cindy McLaughlin

St. Barnabas' is excited to continue our support of the winter Hypothermia Shelter, with the 2021 dates from February 7-13. We have committed to providing hot meals for 50 guests *Sunday through Saturday evenings*, and hope to provide snack bags, as well. This year contributing churches will provide the meals, but will *not* be serving the guests.

Meals will need to be delivered to St. Barnabas' *hot and ready to serve by 5:30 p.m.\** (Time subject to change.) Snack bags should be dropped off no later than 5:00 p.m. Cindy McLaughlin will transport the food from St. Barnabas' to the Lincolnia Senior Center where the shelter is located for the season.

We hope that you and your family or "pod" will find this a fun and meaningful project. As in past years, sign-up will be via *SignUp Genius*; contact the Parish Office or consult the weekly email for the link.

Also, please feel free to contact the Parish Office with any questions or with your offer to contribute: [stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com](mailto:stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com) or 703-941-2922.

Thanks so much for your support!

## Stewardship Campaign Wraps Up

by Beth Harper, Stewardship Chair

To say that conducting a stewardship campaign in the midst of a pandemic was a daunting task would be an understatement! Many of the traditional activities such as bulletin inserts, posters, and Coffee Hour conversations were impossible. On top of that, we knew that some parishioners might be experiencing financial uncertainty and that pledging might be challenging for them.

The Diocese offered us a new paradigm with the suggested theme, "One Together," taken from the liturgy for Holy Baptism. Our committee began thinking not about what we had lost because of the coronavirus, but instead about the ways in which we are still a vibrant, caring community. We still gather for worship online, outdoors, or via livestream and share spiritual communion, storytellers, and musicians. We continue to unite through FACETS and ACCA. Our Vestry Zoom. Online Spiritual Coffee Hour & Bible And will anyone ever forget the marvelous that we are still "One Together" in so many and in the strength of our community through time and talent.



Parishioners enrich our worship as lectors, support the most vulnerable in our community and other committees continue to meet via Study and Forum & Fellowship flourish. Virtual Epiphany Pageant? Remembering ways, we have shown our faith in our call pledges of financial support, prayer, and

As of this writing, we have received 66 adult pledges and four youth pledges for a total of \$356,346. While that total is about \$16,000 less than last year, it is well above the amount pledged in earlier years. Pledges are still most welcome; just contact the Parish Office if you would like to make a pledge.

Many thanks to our wonderful committee members: Cricket Camp, James Carroll, Maria Macfarlane, Molly Newling, Mark Patterson, Grace Robbins, John Bolin Shellito, Katie Westerlund, and Mariel York. We're especially grateful to those who presented Stewardship Moments for the online and livestream services: Stephen Ackert, James Carroll, Michael Dugger, Sharon Jones, and Maria Macfarlane. Catherine Dubas offered invaluable support to our efforts by coordinating printing and mailings, helping with recordkeeping, and managing Realm.

## Women of St. Barnabas'

Thanks to Cricket Camp, our United Thank Offering representative, for coordinating the December UTO ingathering. St. Barnabas' collected \$2,154 to send to the Diocese of Virginia Episcopal Church Women. We appreciate all the donations! The UTO offering supports a number of Virginia charities and projects selected by the ECW. This year's focus will be COVID-19 relief projects.

In Fall 2020, WOSB distributed \$2,700 to outreach and \$900 within St. Barnabas'. The outreach charities included: Episcopal Church Women (DOV), ACCA, Heritage Food Site, Bethany House, Boys Home of VA, Grace Inside Prison Ministry, Jackson Field Behavioral Health Services, NOVA Mental Health Institute, Rebuilding Together Express, and Warrior-Canine Connection. St. Barnabas' gifts went to the Rector's Discretionary Fund and the Youth Pilgrimage Fund. We hope to send a few other gifts in the next month, though our available funds are reduced because we have not held fund-raisers in recent months. We thank Wendy Williams for her recent donation, which will support our gift to the NOVA Mental Health Institute in memory of Wendy's mother Claire Williams. We also thank Carolyn Lilienthal and Caritas for recent gifts.

Camille Mittelholtz

## Welcome to Flight #2021!!

Welcome to Flight #2021!! We are taking off into the New Year. Please make sure your attitude and blessings are secured and locked in an upright position. All self-destructive devices should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away or left behind. Should we lose altitude under pressure during the flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your faith is activated you can assist other passengers. There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight. Our Captain, GOD, has cleared us for takeoff. Destination GREATNESS. Welcome aboard!!!



*Courtesy of Theresa Merchant*

## In the Presence of God

***We pray for God's strength and healing for ...*** Bernard Blair, Emma Blevins, Ginger Braddon, Jean Anne Braddon, Tracy Braddon, Margot Donnelly, Frank Donnelly, Rotha Frye, Preston George, Lee Gibbs, Roger Hefferan, Sharon Jones, Tom Lyles, Bob Macfarlane, Cindy McLaughlin, Marion Meany, Aliyah Phillips, Beth Phillips, Anne Radway, Barbara Rigden, Ann Sayles, Frank Spink, Kathleen Stark, David Steidel, Dana Wiseman, Ann Woodle, and Mary Yeaman.

***For the Church ...*** the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby; our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry; and our Diocesan Bishops, the Rt. Rev. Susan Ellyn Goff, the Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, the Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor, the Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick, and the Rt. Rev. David Colin Jones and their families. For our Rector, the Rev. John Bolin Shellito, and his family; for Cindy McLaughlin (in discernment); for our vestry, wardens, and staff; and for the work and ministry of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, Palma Soriano, Cuba.

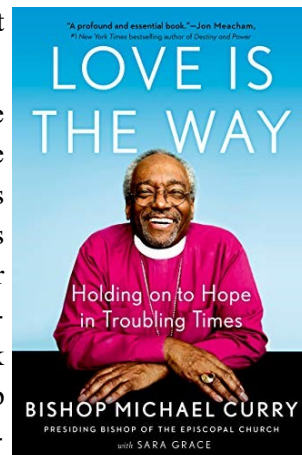


## Love Is the Way—A Book Review

by Anne Radway

Bishop Michael Curry's latest book, Love Is the Way: Holding On To Hope in Troubling Times (September 2020), is an amazing book – beautiful and moving. He starts on a very personal level showing how and why he believes in the power of love, always from the standpoint that love is from and about God. One side note illustrates how he came to join the Episcopal church: He went with his then-fiancée to her church and witnessed the Communion Chalice being passed from one congregant to another, all drinking from it – whether Black or White. He decided then and there that if this could be, then this was the church for him. (Spoiler alert - it is impossible to make it through the first 49 pages without at least several tissues.)

He then moves on to show why and how the power of love will help us through these troubling and terrible days. His erudition is astounding but not extravagant. Rather, he weaves his knowledge throughout as a way of making his point that God is love and that is what we need. The Washington Post for 17 January underscores this message with the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his non-violent Lord "whose message is ever powerful, ever new and deeply urgent today. Love, that spirit that seeks the best for everyone and in everyone, can set things right, if enough of us decide to try it." Bishop Curry then finishes the book on a very practical note with an appendix titled, "Love in Action - A Daily Planner". Bishop Curry has indeed given us a way in these troubling and terrible times, and I highly recommend this excellent book.



## Rite 13, J2A, and YAC Students' Marshmallow Roast

Rite 13, J2A and YAC are invited to a Marshmallow Roast to be held on the church grounds February 20, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Please make sure that attendees are free of COVID symptoms (no fever; no contact with COVID-positive friends or family, etc.); COVID mitigation protocol will be strictly adhered to.



That said, we anticipate a much-longed-for opportunity to gather together in person for fellowship and friendship. Parents are invited to attend, as well! In case of inclement weather, an email will be sent out by 10:00 a.m. that morning. We look forward to seeing you there!

Theresa Merchant, Special Events Coordinator

## Baptism

**Charlotte Rose Greer**

Daughter of Erin & Tim Greer, Jr.

Granddaughter of Diana and Tim Greer, Sr.

December 24, 2020



## ACCA News – Annandale Christian Community for Action

Thank you to everyone who donated to ACCA's Challenge Campaign. The campaign is ACCA's key fund-raising activity to fund programs to help neighbors in need, including assistance with rent, utilities and some medical expenses; food; furniture; high-quality care for preschool and school-aged children; and other programs. Child Development Center staff are paid, but all other ACCA program work is done by volunteers.



The ACCA Food Pantry needs donations of nonperishable food and hygiene supplies. Items can be brought to the pantry trailer at 7200 Columbia Pike weekdays from 1:00-5:00 p.m., and on Saturday, February 13 and Saturday, February 27 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Please arrange with the Parish Administrator or with Camille if you wish to bring your donation to St. Barnabas'. Please see <https://accacares.org/foodpantry/> for a list of most needed items.

Thank you to members who donated winter outerwear for ACCA's recent drive. The items collected were given to day laborers and homeless men and women, as well as families with children at the ACCA Child Development Center.

Thank you to our St. Barnabas' team of CROP walkers and to everyone who donated to the Annandale CROP Hunger Walk. The walk raises funds for Church World Service to fight poverty, hunger, and disaster impact around the world and in our community; CWS shares part of the funds raised with ACCA to fight poverty locally. St. Barnabas' raised \$3,725.00. Overall, the Annandale CROP Hunger Walk raised \$19,315.00.

The furniture program is suspended to avoid risk to volunteers and clients. Updates will be reported in the weekly parish email.

The National Rebuilding Day organized by Rebuilding Together Arlington-Fairfax-Falls Church, normally held in late April, may be held later this year. Rebuilding Together currently is carrying out limited home repairs that can be completed with only a few volunteers.

The ACCA Child Development Center continues to provide safe early education for children 3 months through 5 years and cares for school aged children. The center serves children of first responders and essential personnel, children of low-income families, and others.

For more information about ACCA or the CROP Walk, please contact Ken or Camille Mittelholtz.

### What an Amazing Surprise!

Dear Friends,

What an amazing surprise to receive your kind, thoughtful, and generous gift in the mail!

On this sixth day of Christmas I am enjoying some time off and hope you are having a wonderful, albeit unusual holiday!

Love to all,  
Carol+

## Diocesan Communications Shifting from Print to Online

If 2020 taught us anything, it's how quickly things change. From the outset of the pandemic, Diocesan Communications pivoted to real-time digital media to support our clergy, wardens and treasurers, and to keep our members informed as the evolving crisis changed church life as we knew it. We quickly realized that printed materials could not provide the kind of immediacy our members needed. Therefore, diocesan leadership has decided to discontinue printing the quarterly *Virginia Episcopalian* magazine for the foreseeable future. Instead we want to build on what we've learned in this challenging time and continue to deliver news in online media that has the immediacy and interactivity you've come to appreciate. We are still fine-tuning exactly what our new formats will look like, but we will continue to deliver important news – AND share stories of how God is at work among our congregations – without the lag time and the hefty price tag that comes with a traditional print magazine. Your churches will be able to release these funds to further your mission and ministry in other ways.



This means that it's more important than ever for parishioners to [subscribe to our news updates](#) and to follow us on social media ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#)). If you don't already follow us, please take a moment to connect, so that you'll continue receiving diocesan news.

Finally, we welcome your input in this new communications strategy. Please share your questions and comments with [Nancy Chafin](#), Diocesan Minister for Communications.



## Parish Workday - November 21, 2020





## Virtual Epiphany Pageant

by Mariel York, DCE

This year's Epiphany Pageant was centered on the narratives surrounding Jesus' birth from the gospels of Matthew and Luke. Though similar to a traditional pageant, this one was designed to be a prerecorded, Zoomable, and intergenerational pageant during the time of the pandemic.

Thank you to the actors, videographers, coordinators, and behind-the-scenes assistants.

### Character Parts:

Grown-Up – Theresa Merchant	The Angel Chorus
Child – Alison Kennedy	Shepherd 1 – Laura Westerlund
Mary – Jordan Kennedy	Shepherd 2 – Leah Westerlund
Joseph – Jacob Dugger	Shepherd 3 – Amos Bolin Shellito
The Angel Gabe – Joshua Dugger	Star – Cat Bolin Shellito
Elizabeth – Simone Dugger	Magi 1 – Janice, James and Jay Carroll
Angel – Johanna Carroll	Magi 2 – Janice, James and Jay Carroll
Caesar – Katie Westerlund	Magi 3 – Janice, James and Jay Carroll
The Angel Messenger – Johanna Carroll	King Herod – Michael Dugger

### Support Staff:

Theresa Merchant, Special Events Coordinator; Jessica Riddle and Andy Riddle, Videography; and Ellen Riddle, Artistic Assistant; with a special appearance by Stardom Riddle

See photos on page 13.

The video may be viewed on the St. Barnabas' YouTube page's January 10, 2021 Service:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaPMxZtlb5sJikn7AEaVkpw>



## Epiphany Pageant Photos

by Jessica Riddle



Mary visits Elizabeth.



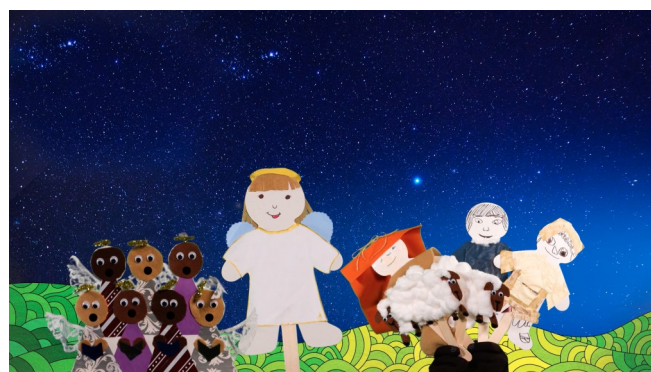
Mary and Joseph arrive in Bethlehem.



"There you will find a baby, wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger."



Joseph has a dream.



The shepherds hear the Good News.



The Magi arrive in Bethlehem, but return home by a different route.



## Thanks and More Thanks...

- To those who have continued to provide and deliver hot meals for our FACETS neighbors, especially Wendy Williams, Camille & Ken Mittelholtz, and Sheena Friend (February delivery team).
- To the entire cast and crew of the amazing St. Barnabas' Virtual Epiphany Pageant. To the students who shared their thoughtful creativity and to the adults who supported them and worked with them. Special thanks in this effort to Jessica Riddle as our Filmmaker and Editor, to Theresa Merchant, our Special Events Coordinator, and to Mariel York, our Director of Christian Education.
- To Stephen Ackert, for his inspired and inspiring service as Interim Music Minister
- To Connie Badger, Peter Badger, Cricket Camp, Jocelyn Leatherwood, and Camille Mittelholtz, for their service on the St. Barnabas' Seminarian Lay Support Committee, and especially for Camille Mittelholtz and her willingness to serve as chair.
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Saint Valentine was a Catholic priest who had also worked as a doctor. He lived in Italy during the third century AD and served as a priest in Rome.

*Hi, I'm Saint Valentine. I lived a long time ago when Claudius II was the ruler of Rome.*

*I had the special job of being God's helper during this time. I was a priest, so I would marry the men and women who wanted to get married. This is why I am called the patron saint of love and marriage.*





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**Ash Wednesday Service – Noon on February 17, 2021**

**On Zoom between 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

**Join us by calling 301-715-8592 (Passcode: 2021 - Meeting ID: 298 583 4764)  
(or check your email or reach out to the Parish Office for the Zoom video link)**

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**Palm Sunday – March 28, 2021**

**10:15 a.m. “Drive-In” and Outdoor Service of Holy Eucharist  
with Spiritual Communion (*weather permitting; livestreamed*)**

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**Easter Sunday – April 4, 2021**

**10:15 a.m. “Drive-In” and Outdoor Service of Holy Eucharist  
with Spiritual Communion (*weather permitting; livestreamed*)**